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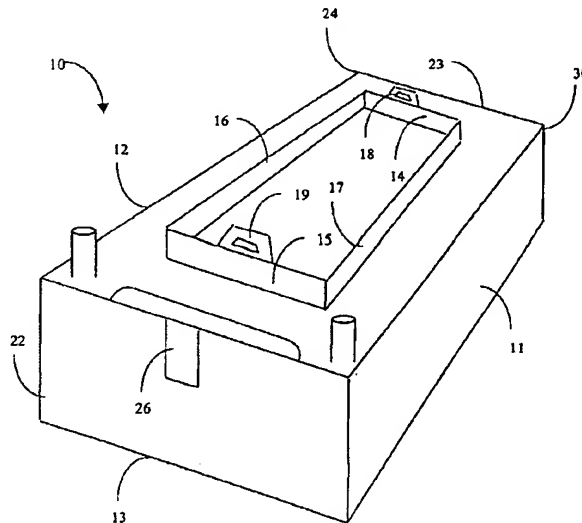
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOULDING CONCRETE



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for manufacturing a moulded concrete unit. It is particularly although not exclusively applicable to moulding of a concrete unit suitable for use as a section for a freestanding wall. The invention provides a method for moulding a concrete unit having an aperture, comprising the steps of pouring concrete into a mould having walls substantially perpendicular to a base of the mould, and including a plurality of aperture defining walls; removing at least one of said aperture defining walls once the concrete is partially set; and removing the unit from the mould once the concrete unit is sufficiently set to allow removal. The invention also provides for use in such a method.

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